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**MAYOR PEREZ SAYS HOMEOWNERSHIP
EMPOWERS RESIDENTS---
IMPORTANT TO UPPER ALBANY REVITALIZATION**

WHAT: Groundbreaking Ceremony for new home

WHERE: 54-56 Irving Street

WHEN: Tuesday, November 22, 2005 at 1:15 p.m.

Increased homeownership is a top priority for Hartford Mayor Eddie Perez. The Mayor says, "Homeownership is a way to open the doors of opportunity for safe and secure housing which is a means of empowerment for residents. Homeownership only adds to neighborhood pride, which contributes to safer and more vibrant streets and sparks economic development, which in turn, attracts jobs."

More than 1100 people have become new homeowners in Hartford since 2002. The groundbreaking for the home on Irving Street is the fourth home built in the Upper Albany neighborhood by the Christian Activities Council.

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